

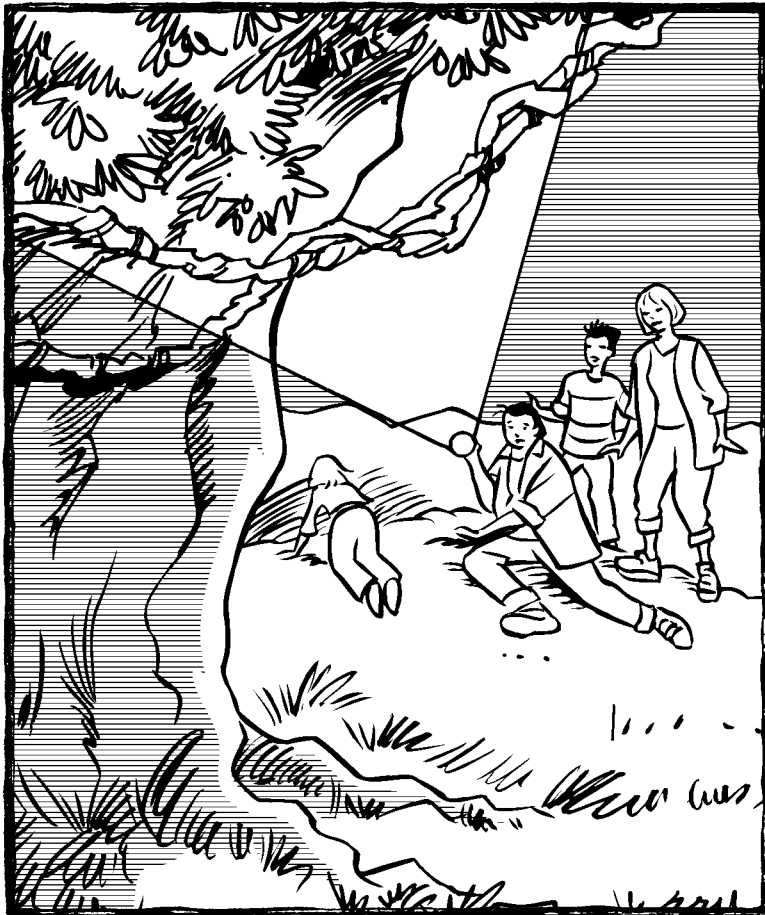
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101–200 under, please, here, want, ran, help, saw, into, then

Long /i/ words:

Heidi, Iris, Ivy, striped, pine, campfire, climb, behind, campsite, kites, chimed, smiled, bright, wiped, fly, daylight, whine, why, I, griped, mine, right, sighed, tonight, final, five, climbed, hide, ride, bikes, alright, tied, twine, trying, cried, twice, high, sliding, spiraling, mining, sign, lying, nearby, frightened, slimy, I'm, night, Mike, Ivan, inviting, flashlights, find, shined, bright, light, white, fright, idea, knife, vines, fine, smiled, tie, tightly, might, wide, grimy, quietly, behind, lied, mind, tired, wiser, I'll, buy, knights

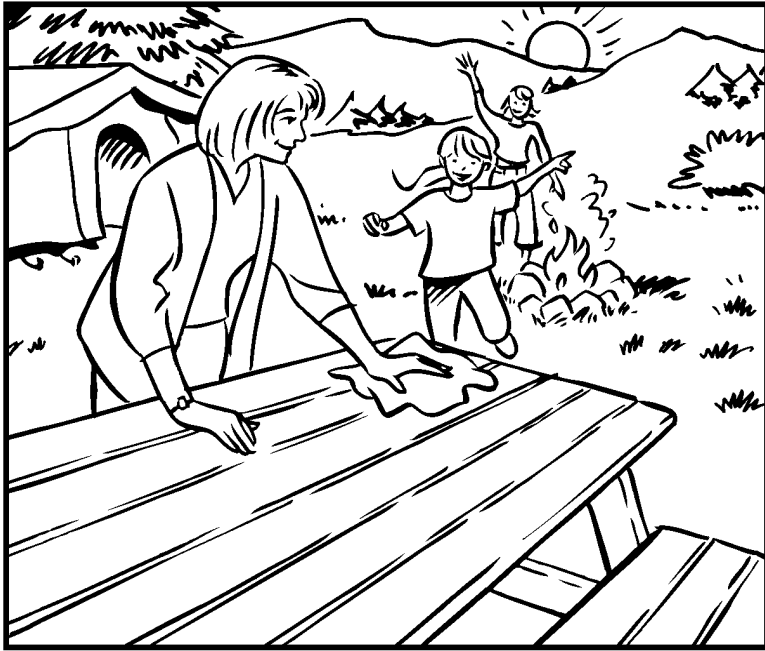
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Aunt Heidi took her nieces, Iris and Ivy, on a camping trip. They pitched a striped tent under a pine tree and built a campfire.

“May we climb the hill behind our campsite and take our kites?” chimed Iris and Ivy. Aunt Heidi smiled at their bright faces as she wiped the picnic table clean. “You may climb the hill, but please leave your kites here,” Aunt Heidi said. “Kites fly better in the daylight.”

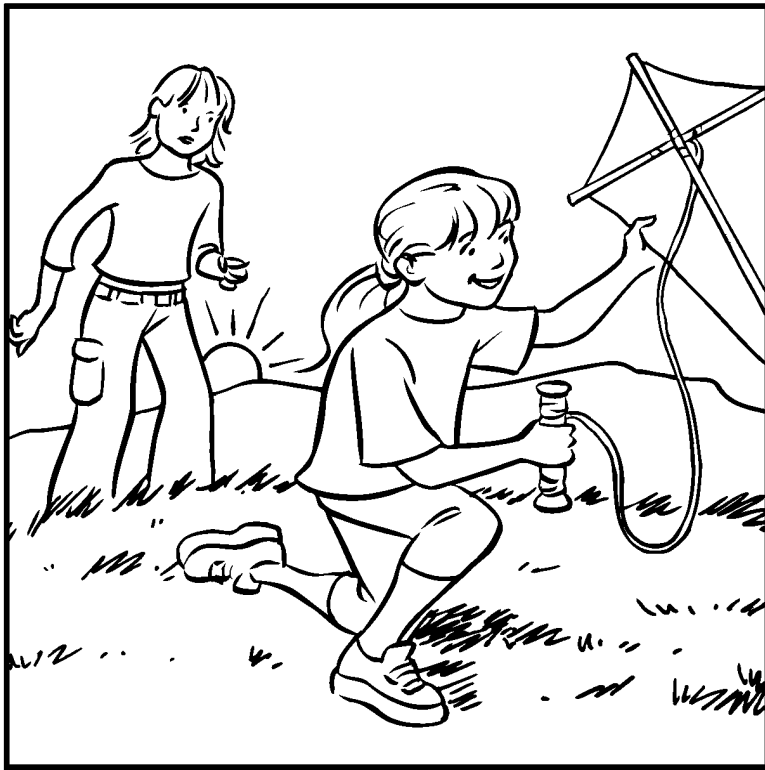


Iris began to whine. “Why can’t I fly it now?” she griped. “It’s mine and I want to fly it right now.”

Aunt Heidi sighed. “No kite tonight, and that’s final,” she said. “You have five minutes to climb around and get back to our campsite. Now shoo!”

Iris and Ivy climbed up to the top of the hill. “Tomorrow let’s play hide and seek and ride our bikes,” said Ivy. “Alright, Iris?”

But Iris had pulled out her kite, tied twine to it and was trying to fly it. “Iris, shame on you!” cried Ivy. “Aunt Heidi told you twice to leave your kite at the campsite!” But Iris didn’t listen to Ivy.



Holding the kite high, she ran and ran. Suddenly, she felt her feet sliding out from under her. Loose gravel and dirt sent her spiraling down the steep entrance of an old mining pit. A “Danger! Keep Out” sign was lying, unseen, in the weeds.

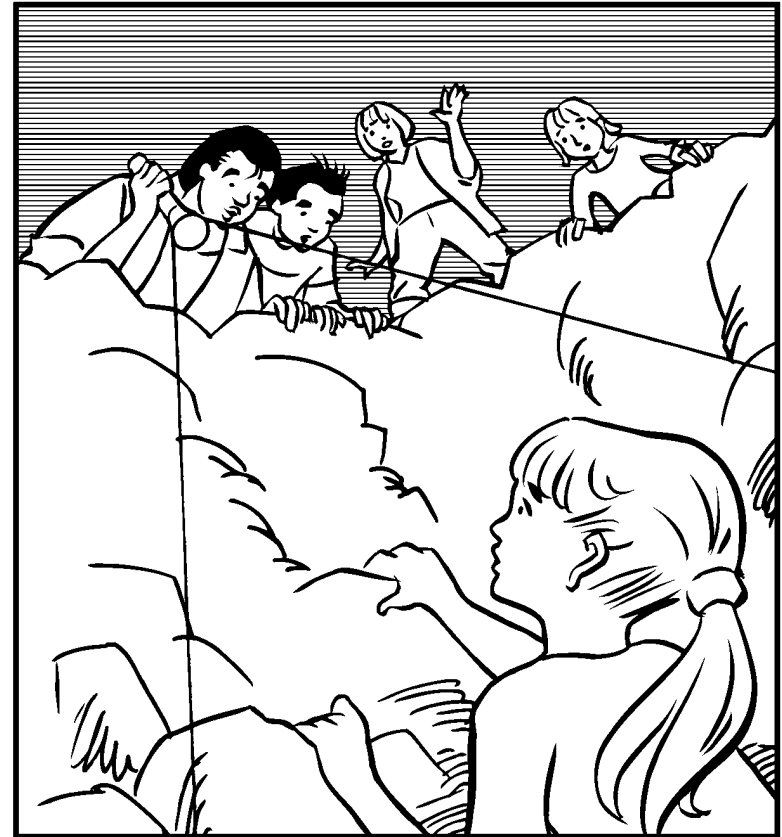
“Ivy, help me! I can’t climb out!” cried Iris. “I’m frightened! It’s slimy down here!”





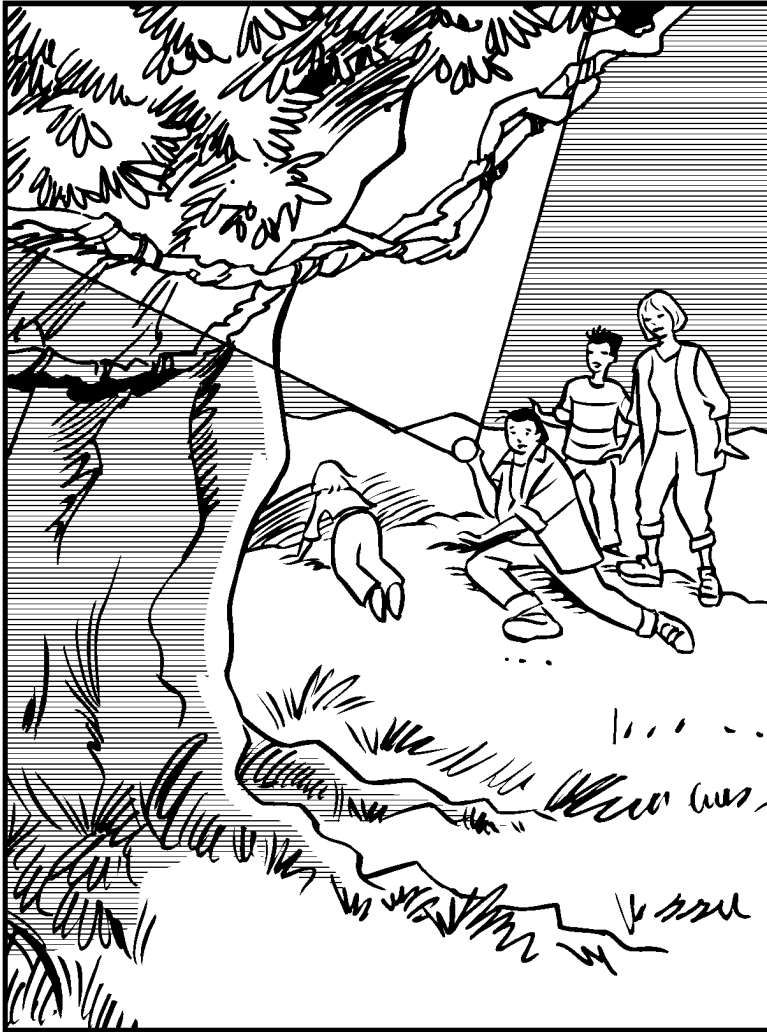
Night was falling. Ivy raced back to the campsite to tell Aunt Heidi about Iris.

Meanwhile, Aunt Heidi was visiting the campers nearby. Mike and his son, Ivan, had pitched a tent and were building a campfire. Aunt Heidi was inviting them to come by later for s'mores and hot chocolate.



When they heard Ivy's story, they grabbed their flashlights and climbed to the mining pit to find Iris. Mike shined a bright light along the mining pit's entrance and saw Iris. Her face was white with fright, but she was unhurt. "Oh, Mike, what should we do?" cried Aunt Heidi.

Mike had an idea. “Heidi, you and Ivan take my knife and cut the strongest vines you can find,” he said. “Don’t worry, Ivy, Iris will be just fine,” he smiled at her.



Ivan and Ivy helped Aunt Heidi and Mike twist and tie the vines into a strong rope. Then they tossed the vine rope into the mining pit.

“Iris, grab the vine tightly and hang on with all your might!” Mike shouted. Iris grabbed the vine while the others pulled. Finally, Iris climbed out of the wide pit.





Aunt Heidi hugged Iris and wiped her grimy face. “Didn’t you leave your kite behind?” Aunt Heidi asked quietly.

“No, I didn’t have my kite,” Iris lied. Then Iris changed her mind. She said, “Aunt Heidi, I’m sorry I didn’t mind you. I won’t ever do it again.”

Aunt Heidi smiled at the tired, but wiser child. “I’ll buy you another kite, Iris. But for now, let’s go sit by the campfire while I introduce you to Mike and Ivan, our knights in shining armor!”

